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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office action mailed July 5, 2001, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this request for reconsideration. By virtue of the concurrently filed Petition for Extension of Time, this request is due by Monday, January 7, 2002, and is timely filed.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/305,483,

filed May 9, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,284,519, which is a continuation of application

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